

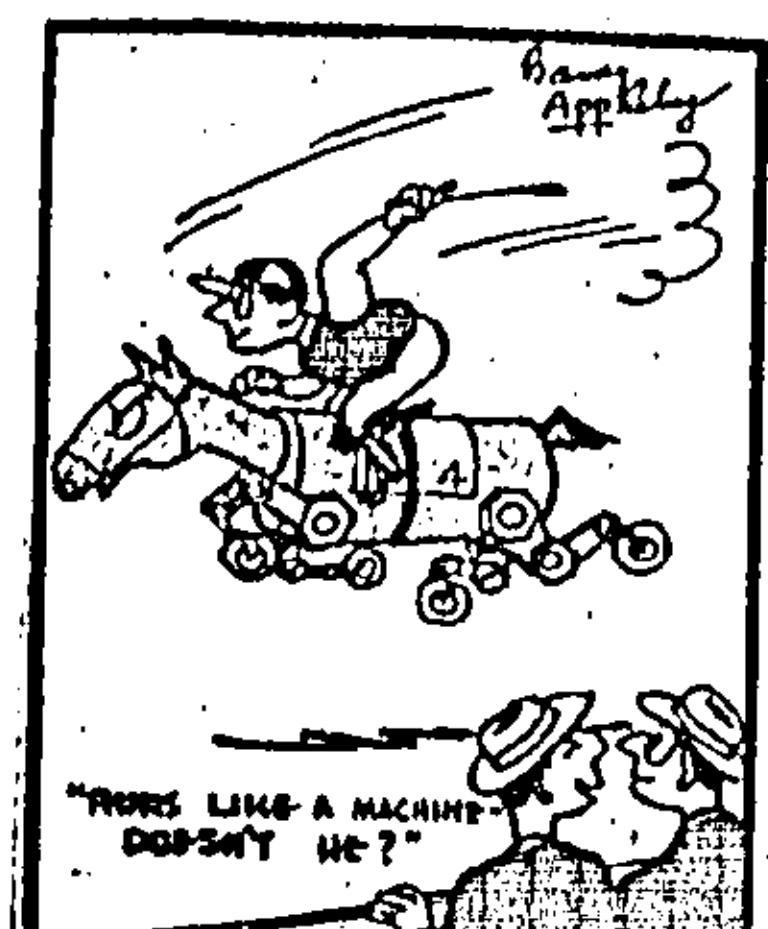
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AT THE VALLEY



It's Derby Day!

ALL SET FOR THE BIG RACE

To-day is Derby Day at Happy Valley, and it is anticipated that a large crowd will be present to see this classic run off. The premier event of the day, it comes third on the programme, and will take place at 3 p.m.

Thirty-six ponies are entered for the race, but the actual field will probably be much smaller.

The entries are: Airborne, Argentine Moon, Bashful Beauty, Bright Sensory, Burge, Crown Witness, Daisy Bell, Durus, Easter Diamond, Elmer, Fat Choy, Fifth Alarm, Happy Sensory, Happy Valley, Hoi Pollo, Hostile, Witness Hurricane, Jeep King, Jeep Lee, Kim, Lightning Lily, Lucky Strike, Masterpiece, Midnight Express, Morning Express, National Congress, National Hero, Norse Queen, Peacock, Richard I, Shamoun, Sockumpton, V-J Day, Whirlaway and Wilhelmina.

POSSIBLE FINISH

Although chances are very open, those fancied to come in with the honours are, in order, Norse Queen, Bashful Beauty and Daisy Bell.

Great interest is being taken in the race, not only for racing's sake, but also because of the mammoth cash sweep. Up to 5 p.m. yesterday, when sales closed officially, 740,000 tickets had been sold. On the basis of this figure, the prizes will be approximately:

1st	\$468,480
2nd	\$133,850
3rd	\$ 66,925

The sum of \$200,625 will be divided equally among all entered ponies, whether starters or not.

This afternoon the "Telegraph" will bring out an edition as soon as possible after the running of the Derby. It will contain the Derby result, and the winning numbers in the big sweepstake.

There will also be results, parimutuel prices and cash sweep winners of the first two races.

BILL TO REMOVE DISCRIMINATIONS

Washington, Jan. 13. The Hawaiian delegate, Mr Joseph R. Farrington, to-day introduced legislation to remove all racial discriminations in American immigration laws, and to assign quotas to races now excluded.

Under the present law practically all Orientals are excluded from immigration quotas with the exception of a few Chinese and East Indians.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

Promise Not Wholly Fulfilled

A few months ago the Director of Development assured the public that over the radio and through the press that, within weeks of his announcement, housewives would be getting fish at fair prices. This promise has been only partly fulfilled, and most consumers still face retail prices six and seven times those prewar and two or three times what the fish fetch in the wholesale market.

There is, it seems, a "gentleman's agreement" between the government and the retailers in Hongkong, but this does not extend to Kowloon. Too frequently has it been found that the agreement is honoured in the breach. There should be an all-round tightening up, and a firmer insistence by officials that retailers must not exploit customers.

From the fishermen's point of view, the government wholesale fish marketing scheme has been a resounding success. But the average housewife is still wondering when and where she comes into the picture. Fresh fish cannot be treated like canned goods and brought into the controlled price list, but there must be other ways of seeing that the public gets a square deal. For example, stalls in the fish market run on co-operative lines, or even administered by government, where a sufficient profit is taken to cover expenses, but with retail prices that enable the housewife to buy within her budget.

Perhaps a little more co-operation and understanding from other government departments could help to bring this about.

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BURMESE LEADERS DEMAND FULL INDEPENDENCE

Straight Talking At Downing Street Conference

Burmese delegates demanded complete independence for their country yesterday at the opening of their conference with the British Government at No. 10 Downing Street.

The conference was opened by the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, who reiterated his previous promise that "it is for the people of Burma to decide their own future... either within or without the British Commonwealth."

Both U Aung San, chief of the Burma delegation, Thakin Ba Sein, were quick to make their demands for full independence clear as they replied to Attlee.

Aung San said that the people of Burma were unanimous on the question of the right of "our country to full and unfettered sovereignty. We want certainly to be provided to exercise that right as soon as possible and also we want to be provided at once with the opportunity of preparing for the day when we shall exercise that right in as well as in fact."

He was echoed by Ba Sein, who declared that "nothing short of complete independence shall satisfy the aspirations of the Burmese people."

The talks will continue to-day behind closed doors with Mr Attlee still presiding. In the formalities of the opening speeches, both sides avoided discussion of the technical details by which Burma may move toward the freedom on which both sides are agreed.

These details, plus the question of the status of border areas, may provide serious future headaches for the conference.

ONE YEAR AS DEADLINE

"On our own reckoning, the day of independence for our nation should be made possible within a year from now," said Aung San, anticipating any future proposal for a longer interim period before full freedom. He thanked Mr Attlee for his repeated promise for freedom, but added significantly:

"It sometimes happens that even the most laudable of intentions at times fail to fructify and that broad decisions of principle are often watered down or even defeated in the 'actual practice' or in 'their detailed application. I am constrained to mention this by the actual experience we have had in Burma."

Aung San also made it clear that his delegation's demands were for independence for all of Burma.

"We envisage a unified country and no other," he said, "For only then will our freedom be real, lasting and complete. We can confidently assert here that so far as our knowledge of the conditions of our own country goes, there should be no insuperable difficulty in the way of a unified Burma providing all the races of our country are given full freedom and opportunity to meet together and to work together without the interference of outside interests."

FOR FULL FREEDOM

"So far as we are concerned, we stand for the full freedom of all the races of our country, including those in the so-called independent Karen States and we hold strongly the view that no such race and no religion in our country should be denied now the fruits of the freedom that must shortly be achieved by our country and our people."

Aung San declared that the Constitution of 1935 by which Burma was ruled by Britain before the war

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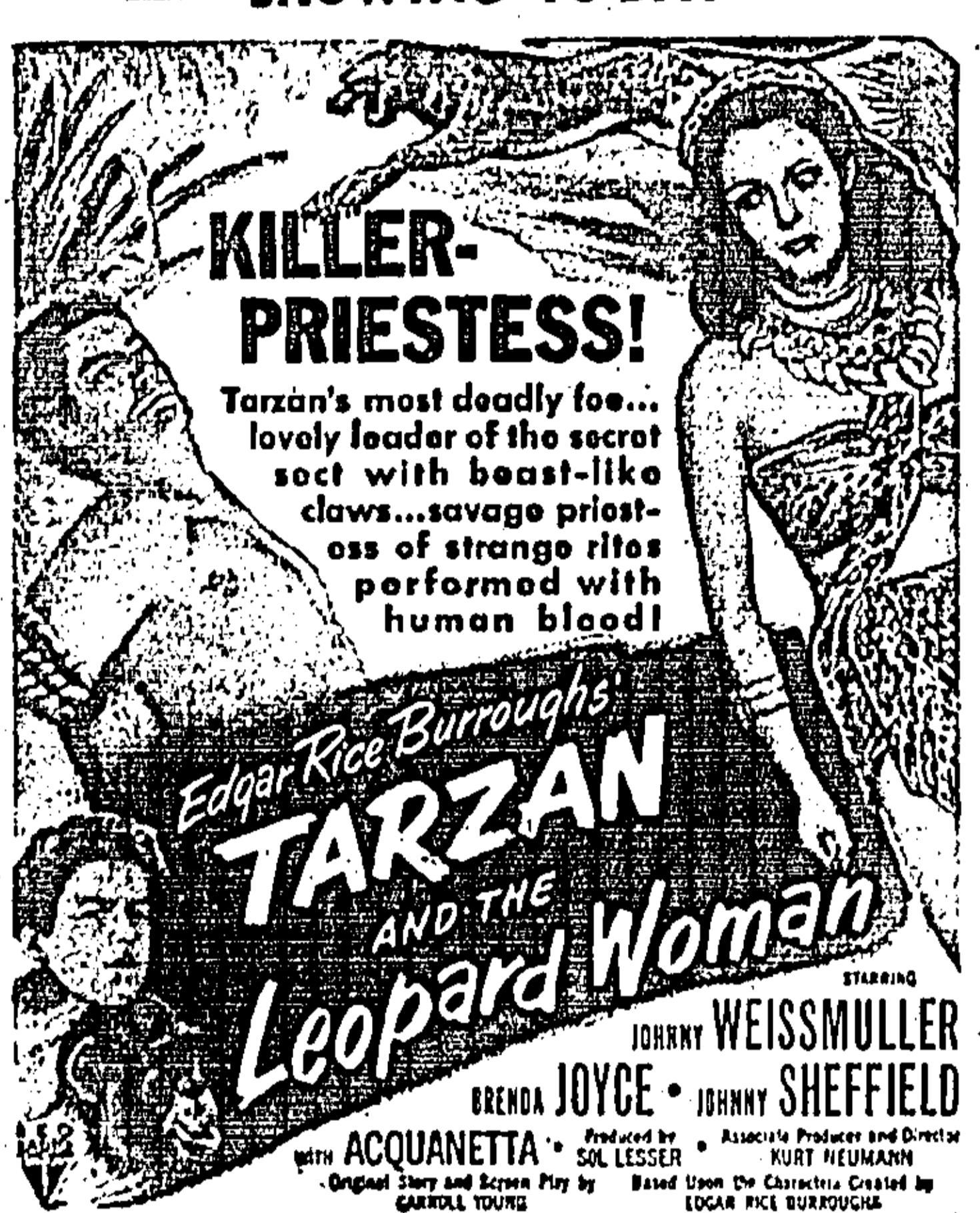
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Achtung! Achtung! This is Radio Progress calling theatrical producers, authors and comedians. By order of the Lord Chamberlain, all jokes, songs or sketches which make fun of Ministers of the Government are to be closely scrutinised, discouraged, altered or banned completely.

MAKE a note of the date, because it may become historic. The right of the Englishman to laugh at his political masters is in jeopardy.

Never again will any future Mr W. H. Smith have to endure the unsocial, disruptive malice of Gilbert and Sullivan's "When I was a Lad," sung by Sir Joseph Porter. Nor need Lord Jowitt on the Wool-sack have any fear that he will be laughed at in another "Iolanthe."

I am sorry for the Lord Chamberlain whose office has once more proved that a theatrical censorship can be as stupid as it is out of date.

Lord Clarendon, who holds that unenviable post, has always tried to take an adult view of the theatre, but he knows in his heart that the only real achievement of the censor was to keep "Damaged Goods" off the British stage for years because it dealt seriously instead of frivolously with sin.

AND now comes the crowning absurdity when he intervenes to save the dignity and vanity of Ministers from the lampoon of the theatrical satirist. In other words, the authors of the revue "Between Ourselves" to be produced shortly at the Playhouse, have been told to dilute or delete the political debunking in the script.

Why should revue authors be denied the same right of expression as a cartoonist like Low or even a journalist like myself? Supposing I wrote a political revue for publication and opened it in this way:

Scene: A bricklayer on an empty plot of ground sits holding a solitary brick in his hand, which he gazes at as if it were Vorley's skull. Quietly he recites: "Alas, poor Bevan—I knew him well; a fellow of infinite chest."

Or what about a New Year Eve party, where, as the chimes ring forth, the hostess gives the toast: "Let's all begin well."

Like Emanuel Shinwell,

To be followed by a solo and a tap dance by the Chancellor of the Exchequer:

When my hand's in your pocket And I've got your docket, You may think you're smart, But there's a song in my heart.

Why is there no one to rise up and protect Mr Bevan, Mr Shinwell and Mr Dalton?

The case against me would be overwhelming. Under the guise of writing an article on the Lord Chamberlain's office I am deliberately indulging in anti-ministerial propaganda.

by
Beverley Baxter, MP

Already the BBC humorists have been told to desist, and now the theatre comes under the ban. The Royal Commission, to inquire into the liberties of the Press, may recommend that all newspaper comment on Ministers of the Crown shall be respectful in future.

IT might be argued that the Lord Chamberlain's action was not the result of direct ministerial pressure and I sincerely hope that this is true. But the top dog does not need to howl. Just a little encouragement and the whole pack will start baying at the moon.

We have had protests in the House of Commons from Socialist MPs who practically accused the BBC of being an underground political organisation out to destroy the Government.

O'R does anybody care? Those whom the gods would destroy they first make indifferent.

Achtung! Achtung!

out of two (in three to one chance), The more pertinent point, however, is that no declarer achieved the perfectly normal result of taking all the tricks in the play. Whether the contract was four or six, surely the following was the most logical line:

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When the queen holds the ace is cashed and a low heart ruffed with the five of spades. A club is ruffed with declarer's ace, and the fourth heart ruffed with dummy's jack.

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Picnic Party Adrift 4 Days Without Food

Rescued by a Singapore Chinese trading vessel 60 miles from the Java coast after being adrift for four days and four nights, without food and water, in a boat whose outboard motor had cut out in the Java Sea, four members of a Dutch picnic party from Batavia—two men and two high school girls—arrived in Singapore none the worse for their experiences.

The girls were Marca Funnekotter (18) and her sister Yoop (16) and the men, Lieut. Y. den Burger and Corporal A. van der Wetering of the Royal Netherlands Army, stationed at Batavia.

Near Edam Island, 30 miles from Batavia, the party on a picnic cruise, were stranded when their outboard motor failed.

After spending their first night in the open, the party awoke the next morning to find themselves in mid-sea without any land in sight. During the day, a flying boat circled round but was unable to spot them.

On their third day at sea they sighted an Indonesian vessel and signalled for assistance.

They were told that they would first be taken to the Indonesian held port of Indramajoe. They preferred to remain where they were until the Indonesian craft sailed away.

On the fourth day, the party were picked up by the Chinese trader San Guan which was returning to Singapore from Pekalongan, an island some 60 miles from Batavia.

Taken aboard, the men and girls were given a complete change of

clothing by members of the crew. They were also provided with excellent sleeping accommodation and good food by the Malay master of the ship, Rahman bin Tom.

After calling at Kurlimun Island, the San Guan took the party to Singapore.

RACE FOR ANTARCTIC STAKES

Recent developments direct attention to the highly important fact that an international race is developing to stake claims around the South Pole.

Beneath the ice cap may lie vast wealth including minerals which can be utilised in developing atomic energy.

With America's big expedition under Admiral Richard Byrd well on its way to Antarctica, Argentina now has started one. It also was reported that Chile will launch a South Polar expedition at the end of this month. Australia is said to be planning to dispatch an expedition to further her claim to some 2,250,000 square miles of territory.

These four nations, however, are by no means the only ones interested. Besides them are Japan, Norway, Britain, Russia, France, Belgium and Germany.

In short, there are the makings of a terrific squabble before the claims which already have been "staked" are given international recognition.

American Claim

Washington officials disclose the United States plans to claim a big share of the Antarctic continent, and the strategy for clinging to it will be considered upon Byrd's return.

Edward E. Boman of the Associated Press Washington bureau, in recording this development said the American right is expected to be based largely on claims to the north-west sector of the frozen continent advanced by explorers Lincoln Ellsworth and Byrd.

A suggestion that the whole issue of conflicting claims be turned over to an international court or placed under the jurisdiction of the United Nations has been advanced in several quarters, but has been considered only in a general way.

Strauss discovered that looks generally were so unessential that more men and women would disqualify prospective mates for having markedly different political views than because they were not "handsome or good-looking."

His findings, published in the American Journal of Sociology, showed that although 80 percent of the persons questioned had formed an "ideal" of a mate, only 59.2 percent judged that their partners met or approached their physical ideals. However, 73.7 percent believed their partners were close to or identical with their ideal of personality.

Debarring Points

Strauss found that when subjects compared the mate with the person they had liked or loved next best, there was practically no difference between them in approximation to ideal physical traits, but the mate came closest to the ideal in personality traits.

In the survey, 67 percent named traits that would eliminate an individual from consideration as a mate. They were different race (men 49.7 percent, women 65.5 percent); different faith (men 41.6, women 42.6); different educational status (men 33.5, women 40.5); different social background (men 27.8, women 34); physical defect (men 27.2, women 20.5); different economic status (men 23.1, women 29.5); markedly different political views (men 29.5, women 22); not handsome or good-looking (men 22, women 13.5).

PILGRIMS FROM MECCA RETURN

After an absence of seven years, a group of 43 Malayan pilgrims who had been stranded during the war, most of them in Mecca, returned to Penang by the s.s. Phrontis recently.

The majority of the 43 are students who went to Mecca to pursue their religious studies.

The pilgrims were repatriated to Malaya at the expense of the British Government.

HUMAN HANDS IN PAPER BAG

Two boys playing on a river bank in Chicago recently found six human hands in a paper bag.

The police, after sending the hands to the county morgue, said they might have been thrown into the river by a medical student.

Some time ago a human foot was found near the river, and a coroner's physician reported that it had been embalmed.

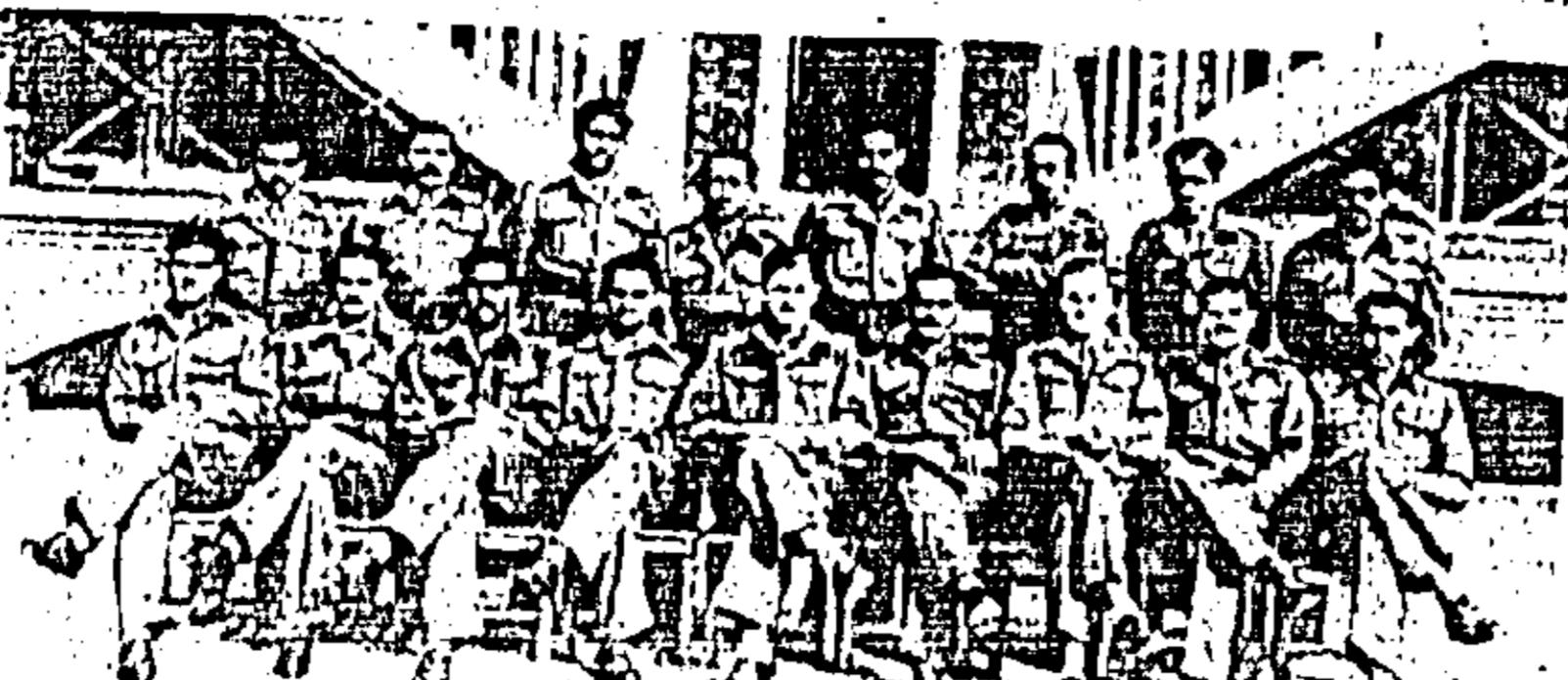
SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I've been away at school for two whole months and my parents still keep sending my allowance two bucks at a time—I guess they don't realize how I've changed since I've grown up!"

Departure Of Indian Troops



The Jodhpur Bardar Infantry and the 1st Travancore Infantry, component units of 150 Indian Infantry Brigade, are leaving Hong-Kong tomorrow after a year on this station. Top picture shows the Jodhpur with HH the Maharaja of Jodhpur (seated in centre) during his recent visit. On his right is the CO, Lt-Col G. M. Gilliam. Lower picture shows the Travancores with their CO, Lt-Col J. J. Cruden.

TEEN-AGERS MOB, STRIP FILM STARS

Squads of police had to "get tough" with scores of "bobby-soxers"—teen-age girl movie fans—when they pawed and clawed famous stars on Broadway recently.

The stars were arriving for the premiere of Ingrid Bergman's John of Lorraine.

Myrna Loy was grabbed as soon as she stepped from her limousine. She went down under a pile of shrieking girls.

When she was helped to her feet by the police, her mink coat had been torn from her back, her hairdo was all awry, and her evening gown looked as though it had been discarded by a displaced persons' camp.

The girls did not wait for Charles Boyer to get from his car—they dragged him out by his legs.

Kicked Around Like Ball

He was kicked around the football pitch and his Homburg rent to the ribs by souvenir-hunters.

The girls dragged him to his feet and had him pinned against a wall, when the police, dishing out hefty handslaps, shooed the hysterical youngsters away.

Leila Rogers, mother of Ginger, had to have a path hacked for her by the fans of her male escort.

Then James Stewart, who earned real medals as a bomber pilot, found himself a "target for to-night."

He flailed a passage for himself, with his long arms whirling like propellers, and disappeared into the theatre backwards.

Paulette Goddard picked up her skirts and ran.

Class Differences

In Russia

A prominent Soviet sociologist said recently that class differences were "diminishing" in Russia but were still obliterated, reports Associated Press.

Denying the existence of any class antagonism in the Soviet Union, Professor G. Gak wrote in Pravda that differences still existed between the working class and the peasantry and between both these classes and the intelligentsia.

Further strengthening of the union of these three classes was said by Gak to be "the most important political condition for the further development of Soviet society."

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Small Powers Divided On Germany & Austria

By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent

NEW SOVIET ENVOY TO U.K.

London, Jan. 14. Georgi Zarubin, new Soviet Ambassador to the United Kingdom, has arrived to succeed Fedor Gusev who, as Deputy Foreign Minister, will represent Russia at the preliminary discussions on the German-Austrian peace treaties opening here to-day.—Associated Press.

BROOKE WANTS INQUIRY ON SARAWAK

Singapore, Jan. 13. Mr Anthony Brooke, nephew of Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, former "White Rajah" of Sarawak, told Reuter to-day that the resignations of more than three hundred Malays from the civil service of Sarawak—ceded to the British Crown last summer—"underline the need for a full public enquiry at the earliest opportunity."

Mr Brooke, who declared in Singapore three days ago that he was "still banned" from visiting Sarawak to "consult native opinion," declared that yesterday's official communiqué announcing the reasons for the resignations was contradicted "in the light of reports received in Singapore."

The official communiqué attributed the resignations to the "fear of social and religious boycott."

Mr Brooke's statement added: "The circular issued by the Sarawak Government on December 12, 1946, which precipitated the mass resignations, demanded 'absolute loyalty from all its servants' and emphasised that there was 'no question of any change in the present regime or any reversal to Brooke's rule.'

Improper Pressure

"It should be noted that this latter statement, which must have carried considerable weight with the Government servants, is incorrect, as was subsequently admitted in the House of Commons by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

"The need for a full impartial inquiry is rendered imperative in the light of reports received in Singapore, which wholly contradict the allegations contained in the official statement of improper pressure by officials of the existing administration officials."

"These reports suggest that the terms of the circular itself might well be regarded as constituting improper pressure and state that further pressure was, in fact, exercised by officials of the existing administration officials."

World Boxing Ratings

New York, Jan. 13. The National Boxing Association, publishing the quarterly plans for the world's boxers, suggested to-day that 33-year-old Frizel Zivic, former welterweight champion, should hang up his gloves "because he is doing serious harm to the sport by unsatisfactory performances and leaving a trail of dissatisfied fans."

The ratings also disclosed that while there are five logical contenders in the middleweight division there is not a single worthy challenger for the heavyweight title and welterweight division. The five named as logical contenders for a shot at Tony Zales' middleweight crown are Jake Lumota and Rocky Graziano of New York, Marcel Cerdan of France, Abrams of Washington, D.C., and Charley Burley of Pittsburgh.

Though published to-day, the NBA ratings are already obsolete. It still lists Manuel Ortiz, California Mexican, as the world weight champion whereas he lost the title on January 8 to the Chicago negro, Harold Dada.

The NBA thought so little of Dada that it did not even rate him among the "logical contenders" though ranking him seventh among that category rated as "outstanding boxers."—United Press.

Marshall-Truman Phone Talk

Washington, Jan. 14. President Harry S. Truman talked by telephone with General George C. Marshall, but they made no decision as to when Marshall will take office as Secretary of State. General Marshall is vacationing in Hawaii.—Associated Press.

Australian Naval Ship Leaves

The Australian Navy ship, Bataan, which has been in Hongkong paying a courtesy visit on Sir Denis Boyd, C-in-C British Pacific Fleet, sailed this morning for Sydney, via Manila.

The warship was given a characteristic send-off, with fire-crackers following her down the harbour, while several H.M. ships were dressed in her honour.

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Of the 18 smaller Allies invited to send representatives to Stettin before the Deputies their countries' view on the future of Germany and Austria, those from eastern Europe have selected strong delegations, most of whom are already on their way to Britain.

There are indications that the Czech and Polish delegations will make a joint stand on questions affecting the future of Germany. The main interest of the Yugo-Slav delegation lies in the Austrian treaty, in whose negotiation the Yugo-Slav Government is stating the claim to be regarded as a major interested party at all stages.

The small countries of western Europe, on the other hand, have yet appointed no delegates. None are to be appointed by Norway and Denmark. These countries will state their claims in the form of written notes only. Whether Belgium and Holland, who have also reached an agreement in principle on the future of Germany, and Luxembourg eventually appoint delegates depends on arrangements made by the Deputies for hearing orally the views of the smaller nations.

One solution may be to leave general statements to the normal diplomatic staffs in London of the countries concerned. Thus, Greece is to be represented by the Greek Ambassador to Britain and Canada by the Canadian High Commissioner.

Bevin's Speech of Welcome

The programme for the first day's meeting of the special Deputies for both Germany and Austria opens with a speech of welcome from the Foreign Minister, Mr Ernest Bevin, to-morrow. After this, the Deputies have to settle the question of chairmanship, which is likely to pass in rotation, starting with Britain as the host power.

The next decision before the meeting will be the degree of information to be given to the press, while the earlier treaty discussions on the Deputy level have been conducted with a considerable degree of secrecy, the New York meetings of the Council of Foreign Ministers last November were marked by a touch of unreality.

It is regarded as unlikely that tomorrow's meeting will get as far as the drafting plan of the two treaties. **Austria's Problem**

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MONTY'S MESSAGES

London, Jan. 13. On his return from Moscow, Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, has sent a message to Generalissimo Stalin expressing "deep appreciation of the friendly welcome" that was given me in Moscow by the Soviet Army.

"I greatly enjoyed the quiet and valuable talk we had together and I am grateful to you for having given me so much of your time." In a letter to Generalissimo Stalin, Lord Montgomery said: "I want to tell you how much I enjoyed my visit to you in Moscow and how grateful I am for the complete facilities you gave me to enquire into the training and organisation of the Soviet Army."

He added: "I gained much benefit from my talks with you and your officers. I feel I now have some real friends in the Russian Army and I hope these friendships will grow and develop in a spirit of mutual confidence and trust."

"Now that we have got to know each other we must keep in close touch and I shall look forward with eagerness to your visit to the British Army in England in June next."

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The main issue to be discussed by the Deputies for Germany, besides collation of the total claims and views of the smaller Allied powers, is the question of whether or not any future German government should be required to put its signature to the eventual German peace treaty.

Canada is expected to align herself alongside the South African main point that Germany be given no chance to rearm in future. It is believed that Canada will insist that her High Commissioner in London, Mr Norman Robertson, be allowed to state Canada's case verbally. The fact that the Canadian Government has not sent a special delegation to the conference is interpreted in these circles as meaning that Canada is not attaching a great deal of importance to the conference.

Associated Press

The Canadian spokesman said: "Canada has no desire to ask for a harsh peace, but we feel that Germany must be handed no easy type of settlement."

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Byrd Expedition Pilot Fought Flames In Rescue

Aboard Mt Olympus with the Byrd Expedition, Jan. 13.

Naval officers aboard the seaplane tender, Pine Island, where the six survivors of the expedition plane crash were taken earlier to-day, were able to piece together a complete picture from scraps of information of the tired survivors who huddled together in the lee of the broken hull of their plane for several days after the crash.

They knew it was useless to try to reach the ships and believed it would be safer to wait there together until they were found. Food was rationed and the survivors prepared for a long siege.

For the first day and a half no one ate. The six dazed men merely slept fitfully or stared at the unbroken wall around them.

After 10 long days, searchers spotted them and fed food. Then a rescue plane took off from the Pine Island and before landing in an icy pool, the closest possible, dropped instructions to the survivors to make an eight-mile long trek to the rescue plane.

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CASUALTIES HIGH

The number of injured in last night's police headquarters explosion, though not yet fully ascertained, was to-day believed to be in the neighbourhood of 100. Four British other ranks have been taken to hospital with minor injuries.

Dr Hussein Khalidi, secretary of the Arab Higher Committee, told Reuter to-night that "Arabs everywhere deplore the loss of life in the terrorist outrage at Haifa." He refused to comment further until he was in possession of "full facts."

Apparently Leblanc was knocked out by the impact of the explosion and was unconscious when the others freed themselves from their safety belts as the plane blazed.—United Press.

Luzon Volcano Erupts

Manila, Jan. 13. Mayon Volcano in Central Luzon, in the Philippines, is throwing up a column of black smoke more than 3,000 feet high, while streams of lava pour over the sides of the crater towards two nearby villages, which have been evacuated.

Ashes and particles of stone have been thrown over a wide area by the volcano, damaging many houses.

The villages of Libas and Camiling, on the slopes of Mayon, which are threatened by lava, have been evacuated.—United Press.

GERMAN UNDERGROUND PLOT UNCOVERED

Stuttgart, Jan. 13. Siegfried Habus, the alleged leader of the bomb attack on Stuttgart military and police headquarters and de-Nazification courts, wished to introduce a "Hill Habus" greeting and planned to form a Reich Government in which he was to become the Reich Chancellor. It was stated in evidence to-day at the trial of 11 Germans charged with taking part in the bomb incidents.

Helmut Klumpp, one of the accused who was giving evidence, added that other members of the projected Habus Cabinet were the former SS Chief, Woellermann, who was to be Chief Justice, and Habus' mother, who was to be leader of the German women.

Three of the accused were among those who were to have ministerial posts, he said.—Reuter.

Soviet Govt Drive To Return White Russians To Homeland

Paris, Jan. 13. The Soviet Government has launched a major drive to get approximately 70,000 White Russian exiles living in France to take Soviet nationality and return to Russia.

Already one shipload of 2,158 Russians has left France. The Embassy claims that the passengers were all White Russian exiles who had not been home for 25 years and have now taken out Soviet passports.

Well-informed White Russian circles, however, claim that the bulk of the passengers were displaced persons released from prisoner of war camps in Germany by the Allies at the end of the war, with only 103 White Russians among them.

Alexandre Abramov, Soviet consul-General in Paris, said yesterday that "attempts of Dutch imperialists to split the unity of political parties on the question of independence have failed."

M. Guber, added: "Imperialist intervention runs into resistance, not only in Indonesia, but creates objections among the democratic forces in Holland too."

But White Russians circles allege that the Soviet Government merely wishes to fill a gap in its labour shortage by turning the repatriates into forced labourers, and that hardly any White Russians have applied for Soviet citizenship only.

Comment on Civil War

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek told correspondents that he "would have liked to see Gen. Marshall stay if it were not that he is to become Secretary of State".

The Times said Chiang commented on the civil war as follows: "Even General Marshall's efforts could not make the Communists comply with the cease fire agreement stop fighting. The Committee of three, headed by General Marshall, also had plans to reorganise and integrate all armies into a National Army. While the Government has